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DEVELOPMENT & INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION TO HOLD A PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION ON "PLANNED INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT" BY-LAW

A public informational meeting is being held at 7:00 pm on April 30, 2008 in the Dalton Youth Center Gym located on South Carson Street.

The purpose of this meeting is to present information about a proposed zoning amendment to the Dalton Zoning by-law. The amendment being considered is to change the zoning designation of some land that is currently zoned industrial, either I-1 or I-2, to a new industrial designation, a Planned Industrial Development District (PIDD). This change would not add new industrially zoned land, just change the designation of existing industrially zoned land.

The area in the general vicinity of the former Beloit manufacturing plant is where this change is being considered. It also consists of land on both sides of the railroad tracks adjacent to Hubbard Avenue along the Pittsfield line.

Other proposed related changes include clear development standards for new development in this district. These would apply to such items as landscaping, storm water management, traffic management and utilities. Another important change has to do with how development projects in this new district would be permitted. Currently most allowed uses in an Industrial zone in Dalton require a Special Permit. The proposed changes would allow some uses by Site Plan Review.

The Development and Industrial Commission is sponsoring this initial informational meeting. A formal public hearing, by the Planning Board is required prior to a vote at town meeting to enact the by-law.

The Berkshire Regional Planning Commission assisted a broad town committee with representatives from the Planning Board, Select Board, Zoning Board, Conservation Commission, Stormwater Commission and the Development and Industrial Commission developed the bylaw to develop the by-law.

For years, the town has been working to diversify its tax base. This site is a prime location for future industrial development. The vision for this area is a light manufacturing park. This proposed bylaw will help to facilitate re-development of this site.